

Tuesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m. *Greece Public Library*

"Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece"
by Marie Poinan

Greece became a town in 1822 and will be celebrating its 200th birthday in 2022. This Bicentennial program by **Marie Poinan** will chronicle many of the earliest pioneer families who settled in Greece from 1792-1872. The vignettes will include photos and stories that have been shared by the descendants of these early families and have been included in a new publication by the Greece Historical Society.



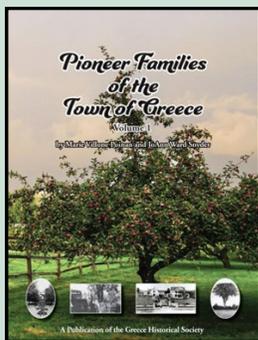
Marie Poinan is an active member of the Greece Historical Society and the Charlotte Genesee Lighthouse. She has written several booklets on local history and regularly conducts history programs at the Charlotte branch library.

RESERVATION REQUIRED AS SPACE IS LIMITED TO 60 .

Go to <https://www.greecepubliclibrary.org/events/calendar>, then November 9. Those that register will be notified if there are any changes in this event as a result of unanticipated COVID restrictions. We do plan to record this presentation so those that missed it can view it later.

Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece, Volume 1

Pre-order your copy by November 29, 2021



In celebration of the Bicentennial of the Town of Greece in 2022, the Greece Historical Society is honoring the families who settled in the area before 1872. This new book contains vignettes and photos that highlights each family's contribution to the town and has been written by **Marie Villone Poinan** and **Jo Ann Ward Snyder** with input from descendants of each of these families. The book is now available for pre-order and will be available in time to give as a holiday gift. Volume 2 will be coming out in the Spring of 2022 with additional families.

Visit our website and download the PRE-ORDER FORM and send in your check. We will also have forms available at our craft show on November 20. Pick-up your copy in person on December 13 or 18 (*hours are on the order form*) or have your copy mailed to you

We will have the book available in our museum gift shop. You also have the option of purchasing your copy on Amazon as soon as it becomes available in mid-December by visiting their website- www.amazon.com.

The Corinthian

GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY and MUSEUM



"President's Message"



Another busy month at GHS: we were visited by the Athena History Club, had our front bushes removed and replaced with more appropriate plantings, and our concrete motif from the old School 5 was professionally cleaned. We even had a plumbing issue fixed. We continue to conduct our board meetings via Zoom but had an in-person Tuesday evening program at the Greece Public Library with a limited attendance socially distanced. Also, our first pasta dinner since April 2019 was considered a success.

Our volunteers have been active this past month. I did one presentation to a retiree group. **Gina DiBella** attended a grant workshop, **Maureen Whalen** conducted a Charlotte cemetery tour for the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse, and our Sunday docents have also been somewhat busy leading our guests through our museum. The *Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece* book by **Marie Poinan** and **Jo Ann Ward Snyder** is moving along and should be ready soon for publication. Our bicentennial committee met to coordinate plans for additional upcoming projects. We have recently upgraded our Wi-Fi thanks to **Patrick Warboys** and have just completed a grant application to help purchase new computer equipment and another grant to help finish our Greece Post scanning project. Meanwhile, **Alan Mueller** and **Joe Vitello** are compiling stories and facts about past Greece Supervisors.

Our new **Greece Olympia** exhibit opened on Sunday, October 24 with a wonderful group of former students, teachers and administrators including New York Senator **Jeremy Cooney**, GCSD Superintendent, **Kathleen Graupman** and Olympia principal **Marc Fleming**.

As a reminder, register now for our November 9, Tuesday evening program on the Pioneer Families of the Town of Greece with **Marie Poinan**. Don't forget to stop by and shop at our Holiday Craft & Collectibles Sale on Saturday, November 20. Finally, support your favorite local non-profit during United Way's **Roc-the-Day** on November 30; we hope you choose to donate to the Greece Historical Society.

We appreciate all the support we receive from our members and the community. I would especially like to thank all those folks who made memorial donations this past month in memory of our vice president **Tom Sawnor** and our long-time volunteer **Linda Evens**.

Bill Sauers, President



. Holiday Gift Pop-up Popcorn Fundraiser



Support GHS with this four-day pop-up fundraiser. **November 19 - 22**, four days only! Order gourmet popcorn for gift giving. Delicious fresh popcorn is a perfect gift for snacking while streaming your shows during this holiday season. Information will be on our website and Facebook or contact the GHS at (585) 225-7221.

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"Museum Shop"



It's holiday shopping time! Our annual Craft & Collectibles Show is November 20. Please join us to shop for locally crafted items.

Our crafters will offer crocheted towels, pinecone Christmas trees, seasonal wreaths, table runners, baby items, knitted toys, wooden items, ornaments and many more items you can't even imagine! You must come by and check out this show.

Our Museum Shop will also be open for you to see our local history books for gifting, so you can start your holiday shopping early.

As always, we are open Sundays 1:30-4:00 p.m. Masks are requested in our museum, so please bring yours with you.

Wendy Peck
Shop Coordinator



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Our Calendar

Our museum is open Sundays 1:30–4:00 p.m..
We maintain office hours, Mondays 10:00 a.m. until noon
To make an appointment send an email to:
greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

Tuesday, November 9 - "Pioneer Families of Greece"
November 19 - 22 - Popcorn Pop-up Fundraiser
Saturday, November 20 - Craft Sale Greece Museum
November 30 - United Way's Roc-the-Day
Sunday, December 19 - Holiday Open House

Museum Closed January and February

Check our website or Facebook page prior to any event as COVID restrictions may have changed.

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~Margaret Mead

If you have the time, talent, and desire to help the Greece Historical Society & Museum, consider becoming a volunteer.

Call us at 225-7221 or email greecehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.
We will be glad to discuss how you could contribute to the success of the Greece Historical Society.

We greatly value and appreciate your donations*.

*Tax deductible per Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.



Our October 12 program at the Greece Public Library featured **Rick Ikel** who talked about his experiences working and running our airport. The program was recorded and is on our website.

Greece History

So Long Local News! Who Will Tell Our Story?

In August 1934, the first issue of a locally produced weekly Greece newspaper was published. It was called the *Greece Press*. In 1958, it became the *New Greece Press* and finally, the *Greater Greece Press* until 1977 when it stopped being published. In the meantime in 1967, a new weekly Greece newspaper began publication; it was called the *Greece Post*. For 10 years, between 1967 and 1977 the Town of Greece had two weekly newspapers.

The *Greece Press* and *Greece Post*, until a few years ago, were quality newspapers, with journalists reporting on school board meetings, town board and planning board meetings, etc. They were out in the community reporting on all kinds of events from community and school plays, club meetings, bowling matches, you name it. Local school sports were always a big hit with its readers.

In May 1993, the *Greece Post* was awarded "honorable mention" from Suburban Newspapers of America and in April 1990, the *Greece Post* opened an office at Country Village Plaza on Long Pond Road and staffed it with several full-time reporters. That office closed about 10 years ago.

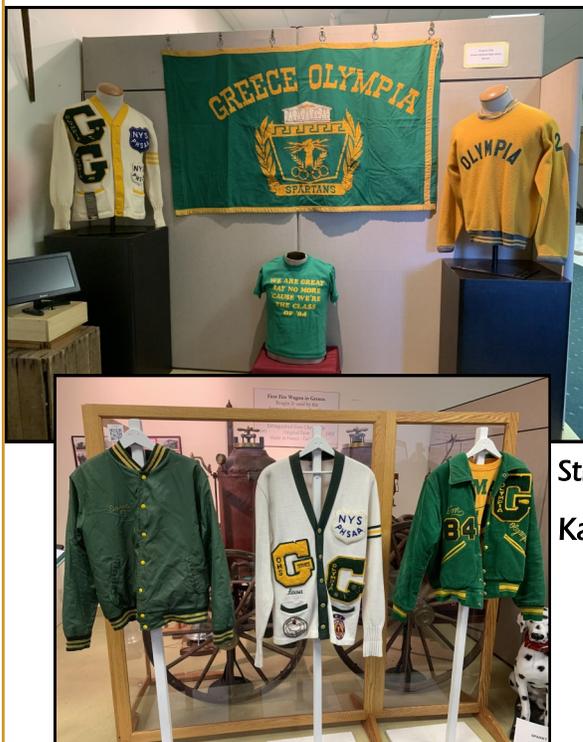
At some point the *Greece Post* was sold to Messenger Post newspapers of Canandaigua, and subsequently was bought out by Gatehouse Media Inc., a national publisher of locally based print and digital media. In 2017, the paper became the *POST* (serving Chili, Gates & Greece) dropping the name Greece and eliminating any pick-up points. It was only available via subscription. By this time, there were no reporters in Monroe County. Gatehouse Media merged with Gannett in 2019.

With a growing public penchant for on-line, targeted news that aligns with personal political views, a shrinking subscription base, nearly no Greece news other than a few press releases, and the loss of advertising revenue, it was announced on September 3, 2021 that the Post newspapers in the Rochester area would cease publishing on October 24. Perhaps it wasn't their fault, but ours; either way it is a loss for everyone.

With the loss of a local newspaper and the *Democrat & Chronicle* nearly eliminating local suburban coverage, local news coverage by professional reporters/journalists is now effectively dead.

Luckily, because of the Greece Historical Society's efforts, all of those old *Greece Press* newspapers are now available for researchers and historians worldwide on nyshistoricnewspapers.org and soon most of the *Greece Post* newspapers will also be available. A searchable database of these old local newspapers is a tremendous resource for researchers to discover what the Town of Greece was like in years past. They tell the story of the citizens of our community. But now, without a local newspaper, **who will tell OUR story?** What will historians think a generation or so from now, when and if they find a newspaper from today with nearly NO local news?

Tours and Education



On October 24, 2021 the new exhibit titled "History of Greece Olympia High School" opened. It was a great day with several distinguished guests present which included State Senator **Jeremy Coomer**, Greece Central District Superintendent **Kathleen Graupman** and current Principal of Greece Olympia High School **Marc Fleming**. After an official ribbon cutting done by Marc Fleming, we gathered in the exhibit hall to view many photos, artifacts, and other memorabilia. Several former teachers, coaches and students were there. Our own president, **Bill Sauers** was a 1965 graduate of Olympia. The exhibit will remain open until December 19th when we close for the winter and will reopen in March of 2022 and continue through the summer. A big thanks to **Lee Strauss**, **Alan Mueller** and **Joe Vitello** for their help.

Kathy Firkins, Coordinator

Happenings at GHS

On October 5, after months of planning, we finally had some overgrown bushes removed from the front of the museum and replaced with new smaller plantings. This new area will be in memory of **Tom Sawnor** who, before his untimely death, arranged for the contractor, **KC Landscape & Design**, to do the work.



Owning and operating an all-volunteer museum is not all fun and games, sometimes you need the expertise of a professional plumber. Thanks to Scott from **John D Foy Plumbing** who came October 4 to fix a bathroom problem.

Thank you to **Michael Warner** for volunteering to clean our concrete motif from the old School 5 building. Mike is an expert on properly cleaning cemetery head stones and other stone carved objects. In June 2018 he gave a talk at our museum on that very subject. A video of that talk is available on our website.



On Sunday, October 17, we held our first Pasta dinner fundraiser since April 2019. Nearly 100 of our friends and neighbors enjoyed an evening of good food and good conversation. **Diane Englert** won a Greece coverlet and **Katie Blind** was the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

New Greece Olympia Exhibit

Our newest exhibit, which opened on October 24, features the History of Greece Olympia. View memorabilia and pictures of how the school developed over the years and the changes that have occurred. The exhibit will run through the end of our season on December 19 and possibly for some time into next year. The exhibit was created by **Kathy Firkins**, **Lee Strauss**, and **Robyn Egan** with the help of **Alan Mueller** and **Joe Vitello**.



On October 24 our Greece Olympia exhibit opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Greece Olympia Principal **Marc Fleming** cut the ribbon and was joined by GHS Volunteer **Kathy Firkins**, New York Senator **Jeremy Cooney**, and GCSD Superintendent, **Kathleen Graupman**.

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GREECE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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